

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 19 November 2001
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Roadshow Entertainment (NZ) Ltd
 Title of Publication: Chopper
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Director: Andrew Dominik
 Producer: Michele Bennett
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: DVD (Zone 4)
 Country of Origin: Australia
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu: Play Movie
 Select Audio
 Select Scene
 Special Features
 Trailer

Feature:	Chopper	Running time:	90.07
Other Moving	IMC Digital Media Notice	Running time:	0.12
Components:	Copyright Warning Notice		0.11
	20th Century Fox Home Entertainment Notice		0.25
	Palace Films Notice		0.17
	Age Restriction/Title Notice		0.06
	Dolby Digital Notice		0.31
	A Weekend With Chopper (x 6)		15.40
	Deleted Scenes (x 5)		11.41
	Trailer (Chopper)		1.55

Other Components: Commentary – Andrew Dominik
 Commentary – 'Chopper' Read

Total running time: 121.05

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

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Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains graphic violence, drug use and offensive language.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 19 November 2001

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD *Chopper* is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The DVD contains a feature originally examined and classified as a 35mm film by the Office of Film and Literature Classification. The classification on that occasion restricted the availability of the publication to persons who had attained the age of 18 years and for the purpose of screening at the New Zealand Film Festival 2000. The film was subsequently submitted for reconsideration of the earlier decision and reclassified as "Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years", with the descriptive note "Contains graphic violence, drug use and offensive language". This classification was registered on 19 January 2001 (OFLC Publication Reference No. 2163).

The DVD has a number of additional components, including a trailer for the feature, deleted scenes, interview material and audio commentaries by the director and by Mark Read, whose life is the basis for the film's story. These other components give some context to the feature but do not provide grounds for altering the classification previously given to the publication in other formats.

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